



## **Report of Accomplishments**

**Fiscal Year 2005**

**Bear Lake Soil & Water Conservation District**

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**Counties Served Bear Lake County**

**Legislative District(s) District 31**

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### **Function or Conservation District Mission**

To coordinate technical, financial, and educational assistance for responsible natural resources management that conserves and improves air, soil, water quality and fish and wildlife habitat.

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### **Natural Resource Improvements Summary**

- Assisted 12 new participants in NRCS EQIP projects
- Provided technical assistance to 120 landowners.
- Installed 2,275 feet of windbreaks.
- Installed 1 waste storage facility.
- Installed 2,757 feet of fence to improve water quality



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### **Conservation District Priority # 1 - District Operations**

- Contracted with NRCS to hire a TSP to help train & assist with conservation & design work.
- Conducted a tree sales program for windbreaks and riparian buffers.
- Provided technical and financial assistance to cooperators to develop and implement programs to conserve renewable natural resources.
- Conduit of non-regulatory natural resource technical, financial, and educational assistance to approximately 400 landowners, operators and constituents.

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### **Conservation District Priority #2 – Water Resources/Quantity**

- Provided a loan to Ovid Irrigation Company to assist with cost share portion of an EQIP project to pipe a section of their ditch to prevent loss of water, prevent well contamination, improve irrigation efficiency and prevent flooding of homes.
- Cooperated with Forest Service & Fish & Game to install fish screens on Thomas Fork Creek
- 6 Cooperators received EQIP projects to install 32,671 feet of pipeline to improve irrigation water management.

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### **Conservation District Priority # 3 – Water Quality**

- Completed Agricultural TMDL Implementation Plan on the Thomas Fork.
- Worked with 13 landowners in on-the ground conservation planning and BMP implementation.
- Awarded a 319 project on the Bear River.
- Worked with landowner to apply for PacifiCorp re-licensing money to move cattle off the stream and benefit Bonneville Cutthroat fish.

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## Information & Education/ Public Outreach

- Provided a Water-Jet Stinger for use by landowners for willow plantings.
- Participated in IASCD Legislative and fair booth display on partnerships.
- Installed some new signs to recognize the Conservation District boundaries.
- Made available two \$250.00 scholarships for graduating seniors at Bear Lake High school
- Sent four students to the Natural Resources Workshop in Ketchum.
- Conducted a poster contest for sixth grade students
- Published several articles in local newspaper.
- Participated in the BAG of Woad program with the Highlands CWMA

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## Community Collaboration & Coordination

- Coordinated Cloud Seeding Project for Bear Lake County.
- Held Locally Led meetings.
- Co-sponsored weed tour with County Extension
- Participated in the Highlands CWMA and provided clerical assistance throughout the year.
- Assisted PacifiCorp with ECC project on Skinner Creek.
- Sponsored County wide tour of Conservation projects for Locally Led Group.

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**Synopsis of Assistance Coordinated for Constituents with Conservation Partners** - to plan, design and implement best management practices to protect, enhance, and conserve Idaho's renewable natural resources.

Source	Purpose/Benefit	Funded Amount
CRP	Conservation	\$ 941,305.00
EQIP	Natural Resource Improvement	\$ 302,835.00
319	Water Quality	\$ 32,938.00
State of Idaho	District Operations	\$ 10,036.25
Bear Lake County	District Operations	\$ 6,450.00
Highland CWMA	Noxious Weeds	\$ 31,349.31
Cloud Seeding	Water Quantity	\$ 3,500.00
Tree Sales	Land Resources	\$ 23,485.31
Ovid Irrigation	District Operations	\$ 7,185.00
NRCS	Contract Labor	\$ 43,307.96
PacifiCorp ECC	Conservation	\$ 46,000.00

**Idaho Conservation Districts assisting landowners & operators with their conservation choices**

